

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STATE 062535

12

ORIGIN EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SCA-01 CPR-01 VO-03 PPTE-00 L-03 /021 R

DRAFTED BY EUR:SOV:BTUA:MLEVITSKY:REH

APPROVED BY EUR:SOV:RBARRY

----- 023600

R 152154Z MAR 76

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

INFO AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

UNCLAS STATE 062535

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, CGEN, UR, US

SUBJECT: TRAVEL CONTROLS

REF: A. MOSCOW 3153, B. LENINGRAD 349

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT NEW REQUIREMENT FOR TRAVEL NOTES IN CASES WHERE EMBASSY PERSONNEL ARE PROCEEDING DIRECTLY OUT OF THE USSR IS A RETROGRADE STEP, AND THAT MATTER SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE PURSUED WITH SOVIETS. DEPARTMENT PRACTICE HAS BEEN TO REQUIRE TRAVEL NOTE FROM SOVIET EMBASSY OR CONGEN FOR ALL TRAVEL IN US BY EMBASSY OR CONGEN PERSONNEL, EXCEPT WHERE THE DEPARTMENT'S NOTES OF 1967 AND 1974 SPECIFICALLY PROVIDE FOR NOTE-FREE TRAVEL. WE REQUIRE A NOTE FOR EXAMPLE, IN CASES OF TRAVEL BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO AND NEW YORK, EVEN WHEN TRAVELLER IS EN ROUTE TO DESTINATION OUTSIDE US. RE TRANSIT OF US, DEPARTMENT IS NOTIFIED OF TRANSIT TRAVEL WITHIN US WHEN VISA REQUEST MADE, AND WE DO NOT REQUIRE A TRAVEL NOTE IN SUCH CASES. WE ASSUME SOVIET PRACTICE IS SIMILAR.

2. WE DO NOT REQUIRE A NOTE FOR DIRECT AIR TRAVEL OUT OF US -- I.E., WITH NO LAYOVER OR CHANGE OF PLANE OR AIRLINE

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 062535

--OR FOR DIRECT TRAVEL BY RAIL TO CANADA OR MEXICO; SUCH

TRAVEL BY SOVIET EMBASSY PERSONNEL HAS NOT OCCURRED IN PAST, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE THEIR REGULATIONS LIMIT THEM TO TRAVEL VIA AEROFLOT. THEREFORE, WHILE PARALLEL RETALIATORY ACTION AGAINST SOVIETS HERE IS POSSIBLE, IT WOULD HAVE LITTLE REAL EFFECT ON THEM.

3. EUR/SOV OFFICER RAISED ISSUE WITH SOVIET EMBASSY CONSULAR COUNSELOR KAVALEROV IN MEETING AT DEPARTMENT MARCH

11. WE SAID DEPARTMENT WAS VERY SURPRISED AND CONCERNED BY SOVIET STEP SINCE IT SEEMED TO REPRESENT NEGATIVE ATTITUDE ON PART OF SOVIET AUTHORITIES TOWARD FACILITATING TRAVEL BY US EMBASSY PERSONNEL. WE ALSO TOLD KAVALEROV THAT WE COULD ADOPT SIMILAR ATTITUDE, ALTHOUGH WE WERE RELUCTANT TO DO SO BECAUSE WE HOPED BOTH COUNTRIES COULD MOVE TOWARD MORE LIBERAL APPROACH ON TRAVEL ISSUE. KAVALEROV SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THIS MFA ACTION, ASKED WHAT SITUATION HAD BEEN IN PAST AND PROMISED TO REPORT CONVERSATION TO MFA. WE SAID EMBASSY MOSCOW WOULD BE DISCUSSING PROBLEM FURTHER WITH MFA AND THAT WE EXPECTED OUTCOME TO BE POSITIVE.

4. SUGGEST EMBASSY RAISE PROBLEM AGAIN WITH MFA, POINTING OUT THAT WE HOPE THAT ALL STEPS TAKEN IN POST CSCE ERA IN TRAVEL FIELD WILL LEAD TO LIBERALIZATION OF EXISTING PROCEDURES, NOT TIGHTENING OF THEM.

5. FYI. WE STILL PLAN TO INFORM SOVIETS NEXT WEEK OF OUR ACTION TO OPEN AREAS TEMPORARILY CLOSED IN 1974 AS FOLLOW-UP TO AMBASSADOR'S CSCE APPROACH. KISSINGER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TRAVEL CONTROLS, DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL, VISAS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 MAR 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE062535
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: SOV:BTUA:MLEVITSKY:REH
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760098-0042
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760359/aaaacacw.tel
Line Count: 90
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 MOSCOW 3153, 76 LENINGRAD 349
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: wolfsd
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 30 JUN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <30 JUN 2004 by vandyklc>; APPROVED <01 SEP 2004 by wolfsd>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TRAVEL CONTROLS
TAGS: PFOR, PINS, CGEN, PDIP, UR, US
To: MOSCOW
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006